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REMARKS

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1. On 24 January 1954, the Weisse Stadt settlement, Oranienburg, was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia, and, a few, blue-bordered black epaulets with signal and engineer insignia. On 20 January, about 50 troops engaged in repair work on motor vehicle sheds and fences in the barracks area, while about 90 troops armed with submachine guns and carrying practice targets entered the installation from the direction of the castle. On 22 January, radio trucks and about 20 troops who received instruction, were seen south of buildings Nos 10 and 13. Trucks towing 37-mm AA guns; and motor vehicles entered the installation.

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2. On 24 January, the Sachsenhausen concentration camp was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia.

On 24 January, about 600 troops left the installation toward the culture house east of the freight station.

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3. On 12 January, the Weisse Stadt settlement was occupied by about 2,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and, a few, black-bordered black epaulets. About 200 to 300 troops received field training along the railroad line near the installation. Other troops received instruction on a prismatic compass. Reports of guns, presumably tank or AT guns, were heard from the Finow training area. Motor vehicles

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were seen en route to and from the installation.

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4. Beginning on 9 January, the detached buildings Nos 76 through 80 on Bernauer Allee, Sachsenhausen concentration camp, had been occupied by Soviet officer families. At about 3 p.m. on 11 January, 1 officer and 10 uniformed women wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying baggage entered the quartering area from the direction of the railroad station. On 12 January, 3 green T-34 tanks entered the camp from the direction of Sachsenhausen. At about 2:30 p.m. on 14 January, T-34 tanks which had come from the camp, were entrained at the Oranienburg railroad station. In late January, buildings Nos 45 and 46 on Jaeger Strasse were occupied by officer families. On 23 January, about 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation toward Schuetzenhaus. The unit returned at about 6 p.m. Forty to 50 troops were again observed marching daily to the firing range near the brick works after 20 January. The detail used to return at about 3 p.m. On 23 January, T-34 tank left the camp for driving practice in the wooded area opposite the installation. Practice targets and dummy tanks were again observed at building Nos 148 through 150 and about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets daily received instruction near these buildings. About 10 trucks daily engaged in driving practice in the training area near the cemetery.
5. On 22 and 25 January, 4 to 6 x 132-mm rocket launchers left the Weisse Stadt restricted area toward Sachsenhausen and Schmachtenhagen.
6. In January, buildings Nos 18 through 44 on Diana Strasse, Sachsenhausen concentration camp, were occupied by families of officers of the tank training unit. The north wing of building No 150 was occupied by about 220 to 250 troops of the tank training unit. On 14 January, T-34 tanks entered the vehicle-shed yard near buildings Nos 148 and 149, presumably coming from the direction of the tank training area

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